

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (currently amended) A thin shell for an automotive trim panel, said shell having an outer layer and an inner layer, the shell comprising;

an outer layer comprising a first polymer material;

an inner layer comprising a second polymer material;

the second polymer material further comprising a polymer material at least a portion of which comprises a formed article prior to its use as the second polymer material; and

the inner layer at least partially covering the inner surface of the outer layer and concealed from view ~~by vehicle occupants~~.

Claim 26 (currently amended) The thin shell for an automotive trim panel of claim 25, wherein said formed article comprises a polymer material ~~that has been previously been~~ converted by heat into a desired shape.

Claim 27 (currently amended) The thin shell ~~of claim~~ for an automotive trim panel of claim 25 wherein said formed article comprises polymer regrind material, recycled polymer material, or reclaimed polymer material.

Claim 28 (currently amended) A thin shell for an automotive trim panel, said shell having an outer layer and an inner layer, the shell comprising:

an outer layer comprising a first polymer material;

an inner layer comprising a second polymer material;

the second polymer material further comprising a mixture of two or more different polymer formulations; and

the inner layer at least partially covering the inner surface of the outer layer and concealed from view ~~by vehicle occupants~~.

Claim 29 (original) The inner shell for an automotive trim panel of claim 28 wherein said polymer formulations comprise a polymer combined with one or more additives, and said formulations differ with respect to the polymer component of said polymer formulations.

Claim 30 (original) The inner shell for an automotive trim panel of claim 28 wherein said polymer formulations comprise a polymer combined with one or more additives, and said formulations differ with respect to the additive component in said polymer formulations.

Claim 31 (original) The inner shell for an automotive trim panel of claim 28 wherein said polymer formulations comprise a polymer combined with one or more additives, and said formulations differ with respect to the additive component in said polymer formulations, and said additive comprises a pigment.

Claim 32 (currently amended) A thin shell for an automotive trim panel, said shell having an outer layer and an inner layer, the shell comprising:

an outer layer comprising a first polymer material;

an inner layer comprising a second polymer material;

the second polymer material further comprising a polymer formulation which is more susceptible to ultraviolet degradation than the first polymer material; and

the inner layer at least partially covering the inner surface of the outer layer and concealed from view ~~by vehicle occupants~~.

Claim 33 (original) The thin shell for an automotive trim panel of claim 32, wherein said polymer formulation which is more susceptible to ultraviolet degradation than the first polymer material comprises a polymer formulation that has less UV stabilizer than the first polymer material of the outer layer

Claim 34 (original) The thin shell for an automotive trim panel of claim 32, wherein said polymer formulation which is more susceptible to ultraviolet degradation than the first polymer material comprises a polymer formulation that contains a second polymer material that is more unstable to UV light than said first polymer material.

Claim 35 (currently amended) A thin shell for an automotive trim panel, said shell having an outer layer and an inner layer, the shell comprising:

an outer layer comprising a first polymer material;

an inner layer comprising a second polymer material;

the second polymer material comprising a composition at least partially different than the first polymer material;

the outer layer comprising an average thickness in a range between and including 0.005 inches to 0.025 inches; and

the inner layer at least partially covering the inner surface of the outer layer and concealed from view ~~by vehicle occupants~~.